



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

*"Parks Make Life Better!"*

John Wicker, Acting Director

March 1, 2016

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF TWO GRANT APPLICATIONS AND AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY PROPOSITION 1 GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE WATER WISE MAGIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT EARVIN MAGIC JOHNSON PARK AND THE RECYCLED WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER DISCOVERY CENTER  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 & 2) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Request to adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of two grant applications and acceptance of grant funds from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy through the Proposition 1 Grant Program, which receives its funding from the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find the proposed actions not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act because the actions do not meet the definition of a project for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the projects.
2. Adopt a resolution to complete the submission process of two competitive grant applications to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy through its Proposition 1 Grant Program requesting \$1,000,000 for the Water Wise Magic Development Project at Earvin Magic Johnson Park and requesting \$1,000,000 for the Recycled Water Development Project at the San Gabriel River Discovery Center.

3. Delegate authority to the Acting Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the County of Los Angeles, to accept the grant funds, conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, contracts, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of improvements for the aforementioned parks.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to complete the grant submission process as required by the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) through the Proposition 1 Grant Program. The RMC requires an adopted resolution approving the project from the applicant's governing Board. In addition, the recommended actions will fulfill the Board's requirement to accept the grant funds from the RMC. Grant applications are being submitted for the following projects:

- Water Wise Magic Development Project: Design and development of a naturalized biofiltration pond, a filtered reflecting pool, and entry fountain at Earvin Magic Johnson Park located at 905 East El Segundo Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90059.
- Recycled Water Development Project - San Gabriel River Discovery Center: Design and development of approximately 2,500 linear feet of recycled waterlines to enable access to the local recycled water supply for irrigation purposes and to develop a wetland feature at the new San Gabriel River Discovery Center at 1000 Durfee Road, South El Monte, California 91733.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The proposed recommendations further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1), Community Support and Responsiveness (Goal 2), and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3), by providing and enhancing safe recreational opportunities that benefit County residents.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The grant request for the Water Wise Magic Development Project is \$1,000,000. The grant program does not require a funding match. However, it is anticipated that an additional estimated \$1,500,000 will be funded by Proposition A funds for an estimated total project cost of \$2,500,000.

The grant request for the Recycled Water Development Project at the San Gabriel River Discovery Center is \$1,000,000. The grant program does not require a funding match.

If the grant requests are awarded and upon execution of grant agreements, a capital project will be established for each grant project. The Department will return to the Board for approval of the project scope, budget and schedule, and appropriation adjustments as needed.

### **Operating Budget Impact**

The recommended actions allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to propose the aforementioned projects for grant funding. Additional operating costs may materialize, but is dependent on the final provisions of the grants. The Department will re-evaluate the grant projects and identify any additional operating costs upon acceptance of grant funds.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The RMC Proposition 1 grant guidelines require adoption of a resolution to establish the governing Board's intent to apply for and accept the Proposition 1 grant funds. The resolution will authorize the submission of a grant application and will complete the grant application process for this grant program. The grant application was submitted on January 4, 2016 along with a draft resolution. A draft resolution is permitted to be submitted with the grant application. However, an adopted resolution must be submitted to the State by April 2016.

County departments are required to attach Grant Management Statement forms when filing a Board Letter for grants of \$100,000 or more. The Grant Management Statement forms for the Water Wise Magic Development Project (Attachment I) and the Recycled Water Development Project (Attachment II) are attached.

County Counsel has reviewed this letter and approved the attached resolution as to form.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Section 15378(b) (4) (5) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because the actions are a creation of government funding mechanism and administrative activities, which, by their terms, do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

The proposed Water Wise Magic Development Project is a portion of the greater Earvin Magic Johnson Park Master Plan (EMJ MP) Project. In November 2015, the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the EMJ MP was completed. On December 9, 2015, the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission (RPC)

conducted a public hearing to consider the proposed EMJ MP and the FEIR. The public had an opportunity to testify and submit written comments. The EMJ MP and the FEIR were approved by the RPC with amendments. The EMJ MP and FEIR will next be considered by the Board of Supervisors at a public hearing in February 2016 (tentative).

The proposed Recycled Water Development Project for the San Gabriel River Discovery Center is part of the San Gabriel River Discovery Center Project. On November 5, 2014, the Board, acting as the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, and as a responsible agency under CEQA, independently considered and certified the FEIR, the Findings, the Statement of Overriding Considerations (SOOC), and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP). On January 20, 2010, the San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority (Authority), in its role as lead agency in matters pertaining to compliance with CEQA, adopted Resolution 2010-02 and found that the FEIR reflected the independent judgment of the Authority, approved the FEIR and prepared the Findings, the SOOC and the MMRP.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The proposed actions will not have any impact on current services or projects.

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## **CONCLUSION**

It is requested that one adopted copy of this action be forwarded to the Chief Executive Office-Capital Projects Division, and two adopted copies be forwarded to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Should you have any questions please contact Imee Perius at (213) 738-2957 or [iperius@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:iperius@parks.lacounty.gov), Francine Choi at (213) 351-5033 or [fchoi@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:fchoi@parks.lacounty.gov), Kasey Dizon at (213) 738-2986 or [kdizon@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:kdizon@parks.lacounty.gov), or Kaye Michelson at (213) 738-2955 or [kmichelson@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:kmichelson@parks.lacounty.gov).

Respectfully submitted,



JOHN WICKER  
Acting Director

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## Attachments

c: Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
APPROVING THE APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDS THROUGH  
THE WATER QUALITY, SUPPLY AND INFRASTRUCTURE  
IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2014 (PROPOSITION 1) FOR THE  
WATER WISE MAGIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND  
THE RECYCLED WATER PROJECT AT THE  
SAN GABRIEL RIVER DISCOVERY CENTER**

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1), which provides funds for the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the RMC has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the grant program in its jurisdiction, setting up necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the RMC require the Applicant's Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval of the application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors ("Applicant") will enter into a contract with the State of California for the Project;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, as the Applicant, hereby:**

Approves the filing of grant applications for local assistance funds from the RMC Proposition 1 Grant Program for Water Wise Magic Development Project and the Recycled Water Development Project - San Gabriel River Discovery Center under the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1); and

Certifies that Water Wise Magic Development Project and the Recycled Water Development Project - San Gabriel River Discovery Center (collectively "Projects") are consistent with local or regional land use plans or programs (or if it is not, that the project is still approved); and

Certifies that the Projects are consistent with the goals of Proposition 1 including multi-beneficial and multi-jurisdictional ecosystem and watershed protection projects in accordance with statewide priorities; and

Certifies that the applications have or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Projects that are being submitted for funding consideration; and

Certifies that it has reviewed and understands the General Requirements and General Policies of the RMC Proposition 1 Grant Program Guidelines; and

Appoints the Acting Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (or authorized representatives) as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute, and submit all

documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the Projects.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and the County Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was passed on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

PATRICK OGAWA, Acting Executive  
Officer-Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
Of the County of Los Angeles

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARY C. WICKHAM  
County Counsel

By Christina A. Salseda  
Christina A. Salseda  
Principal Deputy County Counsel

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstentions: \_\_\_\_\_

# Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office

## Grant Management Statement for Grants \$100,000 or More

**Department:** County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation

**Grant Project Title and Description**

**Water Wise Magic Development Project:** Design and development of a naturalized biofiltration pond, a filtered reflecting pool, and entry fountain at Earvin Magic Johnson Park located at 905 E. El Segundo Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90059. Estimated total project cost: \$2,500,000.

**Funding Agency**

San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy

**Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)**

Proposition 1 Grant Program

**Grant Acceptance Deadline**

1/4/16

**Total Amount of Grant Funding:** \$1,000,000

**County Match:** 1,500,000

**Grant Period:** Five years from the date of grant contract execution

**Begin Date:**  
Fall 2016

**End Date:** 2021

**Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:**

**Full Time:** N/A

**Part Time:** N/A

**Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires**

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? N/A

Yes:

No:

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? N/A

Yes:

No:

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? N/A

Yes:

No:

If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:

a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services

Yes:

No:

b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)

Yes:

No:

c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.

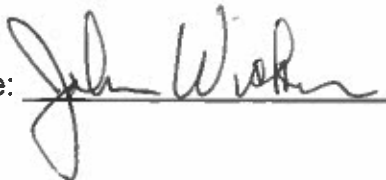
Yes:

No:

**Impact of additional personnel on existing space:**

**Other requirements not mentioned above:**

Department Head Signature:



Date:

2/18/16



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### Grant Project Title and Description

**Recycled Water Development Project:** San Gabriel River Discovery Center: Design and development of approximately 2,500 linear feet of recycled waterlines to enable access to the local recycled water supply for irrigation purposes and to develop a wetland feature at the new San Gabriel River Discovery Center at 1000 Durfee Road, South El Monte, California 91733. Estimated total project cost: \$1,000,000.

### Funding Agency

San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy

### Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)

Proposition 1 Grant Program

### Grant Acceptance Deadline

1/4/16

**Total Amount of Grant Funding:** \$1,000,000

**County Match:** None

**Grant Period:** Five years from the date of grant contract execution

**Begin Date:**  
Fall 2016

**End Date:** 2021

**Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:**

**Full Time:** N/A

**Part Time:** N/A

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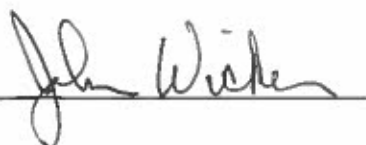
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